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EDITORIAL

THE INTERNATIONAL POOL CONFERENCE

Less than five years ago the Alberta farmers took the first practical step towards the development of an efficient marketing system in the producers' interest, by organizing the Alberta Wheat Pool. The measure of the advance which has been made since 1923 was indicated at the International Wheat Pool Conference at Regina last week, when representatives of the Canadian Pools reported on the operations of a farmers' business organization which is recognized as the most influential factor in the marketing of the world's export wheat, and when co-operators from the United States and Europe, from Australia and Russia, met to report on the progress which has been made in their respective countries.

The Conference marked the first occasion upon which representatives of producer and consumer co-operatives operating on a vast international scale have met in common council, and it served to promote mutual understanding of the nature of their respective problems between these representatives. Henry J. May, of the International Co-operative Alliance, paid one of the most notable tributes to the efficacy and soundness of the Pooling principle, and its value to the members, expressed approval of the farmers' desire to obtain through organization a fair price for their product, and declared: "I have never spent a time so full of hope for the future as I have spent at your gathering in Regina."

The farmers have reason to be proud of their initial achievement during the first five years of the operation of the Pools, and to continue in the task to which they have set their hands.

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"Food, clothing, housing, fuel, and the music of vibrant instruments and voices are the bases upon which human morals and social philosophies are constructed. The true prophets may be regarded as those simple, practical folks who organize themselves to help one another."—J. P. Warbasse, in *Co-operative Democracy*.

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A VETERAN PASSES

When F. W. Smith of Sedgewick took the floor at the Annual Convention, which he attended with faithful regularity for many years, the Convention always became attentive. His way of illuminating a point in debate by quaintly humorous comment and observation never failed to touch the imagination of the delegates. His devotion to the movement was sincere, and his service disinterested. His passing will be deeply regretted by all members of the Association who knew him.

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POLICE ORGANIZATION AND CONTROL

Within the past week the protest of an eminent British judge against the tendency of the London Metropolitan Police to become a semi-military body has been quoted in the press. The judge was of the opinion that the policing of the great world metropolis by a purely civilian force such as Sir Robert Peel founded, was in the best interests of the population, and that any drift towards militarization should be resisted.

The events which occasioned the judge's remarks have no bearing upon our police problems in this country. His conclusions, however, upon the general principles of police organization may be well worthy of consideration. The Western Provinces have passed the pioneer stage, and it may be questioned whether a force of a semi-military character, controlled from a distance, no matter how excellent its character, can adequately serve the needs of our Western communities today. The cities have their own local forces, subject to local control, and performing their duties efficiently. It is possible that the people of the rural areas may prefer to be served by a police force of a definitely civilian character, more closely under their own control than a national force can be.

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NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of Locals and District Associations and Information from Central Office—Items on Co-operation

Would Form Nucleus, Reorganized C.C.A., From Four Bodies

Important Recommendations Made By Meeting Held in Regina This Week.

Recommendations for the re-organization of the Canadian Council of Agriculture were made at a meeting held in Regina on June 11, attended by representatives of the four principal farmers' organizations in Canada—the United Farmers of Alberta, United Farmers of Canada, Saskatchewan Section, United Farmers of Manitoba and United Farmers of Ontario.

A very full discussion took place upon the means by which the work of the farmers' organizations can be co-ordinated most effectively, and it was agreed that a national body is necessary to this purpose.

The following motion was adopted:

Resolved, that this committee recommends that the four organizations represented at this meeting shall constitute the nucleus of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, a national body formed to co-ordinate the activities of the various Provincial organizations.

And further, be it resolved that all other Provincial organizations working along similar economic lines be invited to affiliate to promote this work.

A motion was carried expressing the appreciation of the representatives present from the other Provinces, of the reception accorded them by the Saskatchewan representatives.

Those present were: President Stoneman, Mrs. Hollis, President Women's Section; Mr. Williams, Vice-president, and Mr. Thrasher, Secretary, representing the United Farmers of Canada, Saskatchewan Section; H. E. G. H. Scholefield, Vice-president of the U.F.A.; Thomas Wood, President, and R. C. Brown, Secretary, representing the U.F.M.; and J. J. McNiven, President, and J. J. Morrison, Secretary, representing the U.F.O.

CARSELAND U.F.A. PICNIC

Carseland U.F.A. Local will hold a picnic and sports day at the river, two and one half miles south of Carseland, on July 2nd, according to word received from the secretary, O. A. Stearns.

TO BUILD LARGER HALL

The Sedalia U.F.A. is making plans to build immediately a larger and more modern hall than the old one, which has been sold to F. A. Phillips, Youngstown, for a hardware store.—*Calgary Herald.*

DANGER OF FORGETTING

"We are still alive here at Loyalty," writes S. W. Stasel, secretary of Loyalty U.F.A. Local. "If the Wheat Pool continues to make wheat growing more and more attractive, there is danger that we may all forget the U.F.A. in our mad scramble to raise more wheat and still more wheat."

VEGREVILLE CONVENTION ON JULY 12th

The Vegreville U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association will convene at Lamont at 9:30 a.m. on July 23rd. Notices to this effect have been sent out by W. F. Shaw, of Vegreville, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, who points out that according to the constitution all dues must be in the hands of the Secretary or Central Office one week before the convention date.

DISCUSS MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Meetings of Earlie U.F.A. Local are being held in Earlie School, on the second and last Saturdays of each month. "The meetings are well attended, and we have been having some very interesting discussions, mainly on municipal affairs," reports Wilfred G. Pearce, secretary.

HOLD SACRED CONCERT

A large crowd attended the sacred concert given by the Valley Spring U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals in the Coal Spring school house on Sunday, June 3rd, when a collection of over $30 was taken in aid of the Red Cross. The concert will be repeated in the United Church, Kinsella, on June 24th, states the secretary, J. A. Waite.

MOVING PICTURE LECTURE

"Rosyth U.F.A. Local and district enjoyed a fine moving picture program and lecture given by A. E. Ortewell of the University of Alberta," writes Jas. S. Anderson, secretary. "Preparations are going on for the erection of a Community Hall at Rosyth, in which the U.F.A. and the U.F.W.A. have been largely instrumental. We hope to have it ready for use on our annual sports day, on July 2nd."

TALK ON CITIZENSHIP

Mr. Stainton, United Church pastor, gave a splendid talk on citizenship to the May meeting of Atkinson U.F.A. Local, reports G. W. Simpson, secretary. Mr. Stainton stressed the need of education of the young people for a higher economic, moral and spiritual life. This meeting was well attended, although seeding operations were in full swing; some of the members came as far as four miles by wagon.

NEW UNIVERSITY BOOKLET

Power Farming, Horsepower, Brake Horsepower, Drawbar Horsepower, Sizes and Speeds of Pulleys, and Belt Lacing, are the subtitles of a pamphlet entitled "Some Power Problems of the Farm," issued by the University Department of Extension. The pamphlet has been published to supply information frequently sought from the Department, and should prove of assistance to those farmers who use mechanical power on their farms.

Arrange Summer Camp - Convention Medicine Hat U.F.A.

Three Day Event will Conclude with Convention of Constituency Association on July 13th.

A three-day encampment and convention at Elkwater Lake, 35 miles south-east of Medicine Hat, will be held in July, under the auspices of the Medicine Hat U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association. The camp will open on July 10th, which will be devoted to "getting acquainted"; on July 11th there will be a picnic, with sports, and a dance in the evening. The convention will be held on July 12th, when speakers from the U.F.A. Senior and Junior branches, from the Wheat Pool, and representatives of the Alberta Government will attend.

In sending out the convention notices, the president and secretary of the Medicine Hat Constituency Association, J. D. Rogers and Mrs. W. G. Baker, point out that "Elkwater Lake is an ideal spot for camping," as it is provided with good water, tourist camp, bathing, boating, fishing, and berries are plentiful. "The management," it is stated, "has agreed to do everything possible for the welfare and comfort of the visitors, and your board earnestly desires that each Local will do its part in sending members and visitors of their community to enjoy the outing and make this venture a success."

HILLSIDE PLANS OUTING

The May meeting of the Hillside Local was held at the home of Frank Leader, with a good attendance.

It was decided that at some date in July, a special trip to Pigeon Lake will be arranged for the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. of Hillside. Cleanup day at the school was arranged for Saturday, June 9th. It was decided to send $5 to the Junior Conference fund.

A bountiful supper was served and the meeting adjourned to meet next month at E. R. Hoskins'.

The new Pool elevator at Millet is almost completed. This will be the largest and best equipped elevator here and we understand that it will have a grain cleaner, which can handle wheat as fast as it can be unloaded. The Hillside U.F.A. always gets what it goes after.—*Wetaskiwin Times.*

ADDRESSES LEGION

Addressing the annual meeting of the Calgary branch of the Canadian Legion, H. E. G. H. Scholefield, Vice-president of the U.F.A., spoke of the close similarity between the ideals of the veterans' and the farmers' organizations. Both sought through united action and co-operation to bring about just conditions for their members, and to raise the standards of Canadian life. Mr. Scholefield referred to the fact that the returned men formed a very considerable proportion of the membership of the U.F.A., and that proposals for the alleviation of returned men's grievances brought before the Annual Convention had always been

unanimously adopted. At Ottawa the members of the U.F.A. group had consistently advocated and supported vigorously all such measures. Mr. Scholefield was given a hearty vote of thanks at the close of the meeting.

Arrangements for Congress of Co-operative Union

H. W. Ketchenon, Manager of the Davidson Co-operative Association Ltd., will preside at the Congress of the Co-operative Union of Canada, to be held at Lloydminster on June 26th and 27th, and if necessary on June 28th. Henry J. May, O.B.E., General Secretary of the International Co-operative Alliance, who has been specially authorized to attend the Congress, will be one of the speakers, and A. W. Golightly and J. Oliver, two of the Directors of the Co-operative Wholesale Society (England), and A. H. Holdey, its chief grain buyer, will also be present as fraternal delegates and participate in the proceedings. The Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society will be represented, and Cedric Long, Executive Secretary of the Co-operative League of the U.S.A., New York, will be present, as will A. V. Alaine, of Minneapolis, Executive Secretary of the Northern States Co-operative League.

George Keen, Secretary of Co-operative Union of Canada, informs us that if any non-affiliated society has not received an invitation, a credentials blank may be obtained on application.

A REMINISCENCE

All U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. members in the district are reminded of the community picnic and U.F.A. rally to be held on Sunday, June 24th, at Clear Lake (15 miles northwest of Hanna). Mrs. Mary Bannerman and J. K. Sutherland, U.F.W.A. and U.F.A. Directors, who are conveners of the gathering, ask that visitors arrive early enough so that lunch will be over by 2 p.m., when the program will commence. William Irvine, M.P., and others, will give addresses.

SIGNED BLANK DEED

Unable to pay off a debt of about $1500, a U.F.A. member was forced by his creditor, a bank, to sign a blank deed in favor of the bank, for two separate parcels of land. The member wrote for advice to the U.F.A. Legal Department, who replied in part as follows:

"Under ordinary circumstances you would have been unwise to sign a blank deed to your land such as you did, even though you had already mortgaged it to the bank. In your letter you did not mention the name of the bank but we think that most, in fact all, of the banks, even though they have such a document in their possession, will not treat you in an unfair or unreasonable manner by taking over the land and putting you off. If there was any likelihood of them doing so we would suggest that a notice be sent to them to the effect that you had signed the document without understanding its purport and without having independent legal advice, and that you intended to contest their right to it.

"What you really should have is something in writing either in the way of a letter or otherwise, from the bank, setting out specifically what they will undertake to do and what extension of time they will grant you in view of your having signed that document. They should not have forced you to sign the deed, especially for the home property, but provided the conditions under which they got you to sign the deed are not unreasonable and are put in writing, it is likely that no harm will come of your having done so. The giving of the deed practically takes the control of the property out of your hands and leaves it in the sole discretion of the bank as to when, how and for what price they should sell.

"However, as we said at the beginning, we doubt if any bank would use this power in an unreasonable or unfair manner."

PONOKA PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Ponoka U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association will be held in the U.F.A. Hall, Ponoka, on June 22nd, beginning at 2 p.m. Premier Brownlee, M.L.A., for the constituency, will be present.

Reserve Interest Payments Made by Wheat Pool

Cheques covering the payment of 6 per cent. interest on the Elevator Reserve of the Alberta Wheat Pool are being issued this week in respect to deductions from the crop payments of 1924 and 1925. The total amount of the cheques issued is $87,101.02. Where the interest payment due does not total the sum of one dollar no payment is being made.

The total deduction for Elevator Reserve purposes from the Pool wheat delivered from the 1924 and 1925 crops was $1,345,384, and the six per cent is payable on this amount. Cheques will all be in the mail by the end of the present week.

EDMONTON EXHIBITION

Approximately $30,000 will be distributed in prizes at the Edmonton Exhibition, to be held July 16th to 21st. The competitions include a horse shoe pitching tournament, and a contest for amateur bands. There will be special classes in cattle, sheep and swine for Alberta-owned or bred stock, with a new class this year for Guernsey cattle. In the sheep and swine sections, in all classes with ten or more exhibits showing, the prize money will be increased and more prizes offered.

JUNIOR CONFERENCE FUND

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May 30, Lone Ridge, U.F.A.	5.00
May 30, Queenstown U.F.A.	5.00
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May 31, Eye Hill U.F.A.	5.00
May 31, Ashre U.F.W.A.	5.00
May 31, Sedalia U.F.W.A.	5.00
June 1, Nanton U.F.W.A.	5.00
June 2, Partridge Hill Jrs.	10.00
June 2, Mayvertherpe U.F.A.	5.00
June 4, Floral U.F.A.	5.00
June 4, Chain Lakes U.F.W.A.	5.00
June 4, Gilboas Jrs.	15.00
June 4, Buffalo Jrs.	5.00
June 6, Angle Lake U.F.A.	5.00
June 6, Cremona U.F.A.	5.00
June 7, Bentley U.F.A.	5.00
June 7, Twin Lake U.F.A.	5.00
June 7, Westfield U.F.A.	5.00
June 11, Vimy Ridge U.F.A.	5.00
Total	$1,035.00

Drumheller Board of Trade "Agricultural Night"

On invitation of the Drumheller Board of Trade, H. E. C. H. Scholefield, Vice-president, and A. B. Claypool, M.L.A., spoke at the annual "Agricultural Night" which has been inaugurated by the board, and to which farmers of the district are invited. The purpose of this annual event is to build up an understanding between rural and urban interests, and to correlate their activities. Pres. A. Walker of the Board and John McKay, secretary, and F. C. Moyer, were among the hosts of the guests of the day.

Mr. Scholefield discussed the history and aims of the U.F.A. He expressed his regret that President Wood had himself been unable to attend. The speaker pleaded for co-operation between all organizations which are seeking to advance the Province and Dominion, and the sinking of petty differences. The industries in the towns and cities could not thrive without the farmers, who had an enormous stake in the country.

It was essential, said Mr. Claypool, in a brief address, that the component elements in the industrial structure of the country should be welded together. An increasing understanding of the ideals of the boards of trade in towns and cities and of the U.F.A. in the rural districts would make for a greater Canada.

In moving a vote of thanks to the speakers, Fred Stockton, who described himself as a farmer by choice and a coal operator by necessity, paid a tribute to President Wood, whose outstanding character as a leader and as a citizen, he declared, everybody recognized.

CALGARY EXHIBITION AND STAMPEDE

The Calgary Exhibition and Stampede will be opened on July 9th by His Excellency, the Governor-General, who, with Lady Willingdon, will be the guests of the Exhibition for the week. The Stampede Parade will be headed by the Governor-General and H.M. Royal Air Force Band, and will contain fifteen other bands, cowboys, Indians, chuck wagons, prairie schooners, etc. In addition to the Stampede events during the week there will be Indian races, thoroughbred running races, vaudeville, novelty revue, cowboy ball, and a spectacular fireworks display on Saturday night.

MRS. GUNN'S MEETINGS CANCELLED

The U.F.W.A. Executive announce that Mrs. Gunn will have to take a much needed rest during July and August, so the meetings that have been planned for her for these months must be cancelled and no meetings should be arranged for her during that time.

"Modern wars have been provoked by the rubber spirit which a competitive economic system has caused to grow in the blood of men as a rank poison unbalancing the mind."—J. F. Verbaas.

A "U.F.A." Convention in the Argentine

How the Farmers of Latin-American Republic Conduct Their Meetings.

By W. J. JACKMAN

In the following article W. J. Jackman gives a vivid and entertaining description of a convention of "The United Farmers of Argentina," or, to give the organization its correct Spanish name, the "Federacion Agraria Argentina."

Mr. Jackman was for several years a Director of the United Farmers of Alberta, and became a Director of the Alberta Wheat Pool upon its formation. He was subsequently appointed representative of the Canadian Wheat Pool in the Argentine.

On the invitation of the President of the Federacion Agraria Argentina, it was my privilege to attend a convention of the organization at headquarters in the City of Rosario, and I feel sure that many of our Alberta farmers will be interested in knowing something of the way in which their brother craftsmen south of the Equator conduct their meetings.

The Federacion is the only organization of its kind in the Argentine. There are many co-operative trading concerns grouped together in the Association Co-operativas Argentinas, but their activities are practically confined to trading. The Federacion, whilst it also is extensively engaged in buying supplies and marketing agricultural produce, acting as the trading centre for its many locals, is an educational and propagandist institution, aiming to better the condition of the agriculturists "morally, materially and politically," though it does not take direct political action.

Has 22,000 Members

There are 22,000 members, grouped in about 220 locals, which are scattered from Tucuman in the north to Rio Negro in the south, thus covering a greater part of the agricultural area of the Republic.

Representation at the convention is limited to one delegate for each local, with the exception that the Rosario local, which comprises something like a thousand members, is permitted to have three delegates. Needless to say, whilst official representation is limited in this way, the presence of members who are not delegates is welcomed, and at this particular gathering, a special convention, many availed themselves of the opportunity to attend, though they could neither vote nor take part in the discussions.

Delegates were required to register, not merely at the opening of the convention, but on entering the hall for each session; and delegates and non-delegates were kept strictly segregated during the meetings.

The convention was held in the Federacion's own building, which deserves a word of explanation and admiration. The building, with possibly one exception, is quite the finest and most modern edifice in the city of Rosario. It is the property of the Federacion, completed only a year ago, and specially designed for its purpose; viz., to house the various departments and provide administrative headquarters and a meeting place for its members when in town.

There are six storeys, with provision for adding two. The basement is a warehouse for the trading sections. On the ground floor is a fair sized theatre, which, with its three floors, is an excellent convention hall when so needed, and serves at other times as a lecture hall and moving picture theatre.

The remainder of this floor is devoted to a museum, with an extensive and well displayed collection of agricultural produce, especially seed grains, systematically tabulated as to variety, date, place, yield, and so on.

Operate Hotel

Above the theatre are the administrative offices, and on the three upper floors an hotel is operated by the association. It caters to the public at large, but naturally makes a special appeal for the support of the farmer visitors to the city, offering a most convenient and comfortable gathering place, with the brightest dining room in Rosario, up on the fifth floor, commanding a wonderful view of the city and port, with miles of busy river.

As the first nine months of operation show a net profit of ten thousand pesos, it is evident that the advantages of the hotel are being appreciated; though little misunderstandings as to its functions occasionally arise. More than once it has happened that a member of the Federacion staying at the hotel when presented with his bill has exclaimed: "But I'm a member in good standing. Is not this our hotel?"

Whether the operation of the building, expensively built and heavily mortgaged as it is, is commercially justifiable or not, is problematical, though its convenience is undoubted. It has, however, considerable psychological value. To the rank and file of the members it is very gratifying to be a part owner of such a palatial edifice, even though it be only to the extent of a few dollars.

The convention opened on Sunday morning, as such gatherings usually do in the Argentine. In fact on this particular Sunday I had refused an invitation to another farmers' meeting 300 miles away on account of being engaged at this one.

229 Registered Delegates

229 delegates were registered. The ground floor of the hall was exclusively reserved for the registered delegates. In the two galleries there were probably another two hundred visitors, including not more than a dozen women. These visiting members were merely spectators, as the speaking and voting were confined to the accredited delegates.

The President of the Federacion, Senor Esteban Piacenza, directed the proceedings with the assistance of the two vice-presidents and other officers.

Senor Piacenza is rather a remarkable man. An Italian colonist, formerly secretary of the organization, he has now for some years been its president and its most dominant figure. He is the life of the Federacion, devotes all his time to its affairs, and personally directs its many activities.

A fluent speaker, he has the gift of conveying his ideas in simple direct language which makes his meaning clear to all.

The capacity of the man and his activity in the business of the organization were interestingly illustrated by an incident during one of the sessions, when in the midst of one of his addresses to the convention a clerk from the office appeared on the platform with the bank documents to sign. The drafts and a pen were handed to the speaker, who never took his eyes from his audience nor made the slightest pause in his speech, but signed the documents as he talked.

Might Be U.F.A. Convention

On the whole the proceedings of the gathering were much along the lines of those of our own conventions, and but for the difference in language one could close one's eyes and imagine one's self at a U.F.A. gathering. There was the same tendency at first to debate at great length such a minor point as whether the members of a particular committee should be named by the chair or the convention, with the usual overwhelming majority in favor of the chair.

There were, however, one or two notable differences. The delegate who insists upon speaking on every possible occasion, on every motion or amendment, and racks his brains for some subterfuge in order to speak more than once, was conspicuous by his absence. Talking for advertising purposes was not attempted.

The maze of motions, amendments and subamendments in which a northern convention occasionally loses itself was also absent. The keynote of the proceedings was simplicity, and there was evident a sincere desire to find out the wishes of the majority of the members and put them into effect.

A Businesslike Step

A very businesslike step was taken at the opening session. Certain important subjects were on the agenda, such as the reform of the new Co-operative Law, the revision of the constitution of the Federacion, and reform of the mutual insurance business. A committee, with one representative from each of the provinces, was appointed to consider each of these major matters and bring in recommendations to the convention for its consideration at a later session. These committees met during the periods between sessions and called in whatever legal or expert assistance they required. Their basis of representation insured getting points of view from widely separated districts, and when they reported it was usually found that their views were a fairly accurate reflection of those of the delegates at large. Under this plan, with the chairman of each committee in charge of the presentation of its report, the convention had a very definite basis upon which to consider the subject, and a great deal of valuable time was saved.

Work commenced each morning at eight o'clock, and was carried on until

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Death of F. W. Smith

Former Director and Well Known Member Passes

We deeply regret to record the death, on June 5th, at his home in the Fairgrove district of Sedgwick, of F. W. Smith, one of the veterans of the U. F. A. movement in this Province.

F. W. Smith

Mr. Smith was well-known throughout the movement, and up to two years ago, when failing health compelled him to desist, was active in the work of the organization. He was a Director of the Association in the years 1918, 1919 and 1920, for the former Federal Constituency of Victoria, and he was also an officer of the U.F.A. Provincial Constituency of Sedgwick for several years. There was no keener supporter in the Province of the Wheat Pool and of all forms of co-operative marketing.

A native of Yorkshire, England, Mr. Smith came to Alberta in 1910, taking up farming in the Fairgrove district, where he has resided ever since. He had a likable personality, and was for many years a familiar figure at U.F.A. Conventions. His speeches, generally very brief and pointed, always commanded the attention of the Convention, his quaint humor, which was combined with a deep sincerity and devotion to democratic ideals, and a rare warmth of heart, making him one of the most arresting speakers to take the floor. Until advancing age and declining health prevented it, his attendance at Conventions was faithful and regular.

Deepest sympathy will be felt throughout the movement for Mrs. Smith and family in their bereavement.

Report on Page 30 re Rate on Hogs Incorrect

Finding of Railway Commission Was Against Producers—Incorrect Report Based on News Despatch

The story on the Livestock Pool page regarding the finding of the Railway Commission on the protest against the increased rates on hogs to the American Coast Markets was based on a news despatch which appeared in the public press at the time *The U.F.A.* was going to press. Unfortunately this press despatch was based on the minority report of the Hon. Frank Oliver, a member of the Commission, and the majority report is against the dis-allowing of the increased rate. The Pool Board is having the finding of the Railway Commission carefully analyzed to see if a proper case can be prepared for appeal from this decision.

JUNIOR NOTES

McMURRAY ANNIVERSARY

The anniversary meeting of the McMurray Juniors was held on May 19th, when fifty-two people turned out for a good time. Fifteen new members were enrolled and a delegate was chosen for the Junior Conference. "The young people here take a great interest in our Local," writes the secretary, Ronald Morrison.

TO GET BASEBALL EQUIPMENT

The last meeting of the Crocus Plains Juniors took the form of a dance, but because of the very poor condition of the roads attendance was not so good as had been expected. At the next meeting a discussion on the procuring of baseball equipment will take place. Jean Fraser is the new secretary of the Local.

WAR'S LESSONS NEVER LEARNED

"I would like to think that never again could millions be made to swallow atrocity stories and actually believe that fundamental human nature varied under different flags and that virtue began and ended at the boundary line of allies. But I'm afraid it would not be beyond the bounds of possibility for us to go through the same old processes once more. . . . Yet if dark days should ever come again, let us remember this, that in June, 1928, we are sane people. Unfortunately we learn few lessons from any war."—Heywood Broun in the *New York Nation*.

U. F. A. Juniors at Annual Conference, 1928

Largest Gathering of Farm Young People Since Inauguration of University Week

British Co-operators Will Attend Alberta Co-operative Institute

Important Additions to Program Announced by Committee in Charge—President Wood Will Address Convention Monday—Junior Section Outstanding Feature

The widespread interest which has been aroused in the forthcoming meeting of the Alberta Co-operative Institute, to be held in Edmonton on June 25th to 29th inclusive, will be increased by the announcement, made by the Executive of the Institute a few days ago, that an important delegation from the English and Scottish Wholesale Co-operative Societies, who have been associated with the building up of the great consumers' movement in Britain, and a representative of the International Co-operative Alliance, will be in attendance and will contribute to the program. Members of this delegation accepted invitations extended to them when they were in attendance at the International Wheat Pool Conference in Regina.

As a result of the visit of the British co-operators, and also because these and other men who owing to important public duties find it impossible to be sure of the time of their arrival, it has been necessary to make a number of changes in the program of the Institute. The certainty is that the persons named in the program as originally published, and the British visitors, will be present, and the committee in charge urge that **anyone who plans to attend the Institute to hear any particular man, should therefore make an effort to be present during the greater part of the week.**

General Secretary of Alliance

Prominent among the co-operators from across the Atlantic is Henry J. May, O.B.E., General Secretary of the International Co-operative Alliance. It is expected that Mr. May will be heard in the course of the program of Monday, June 25th, the opening day. President H. W. Wood will speak at 8 o'clock on Monday evening and after his address the day's program will be concluded by a reception and entertainment.

On Tuesday evening, June 26th, the Alberta Wheat Pool will give a banquet; Premier Brownlee will deliver an address and Robin Hood, Editor of the *Co-operative Marketing Journal*, Memphis, Tenn., will speak on "Plans for a Program of Co-operative Education." Other important speakers who will be on the program for Tuesday, are E. B. Ramsay, Manager of the Canadian Wheat Pool, whose subject will be "Problems of Management;" George McIvor, General Sales Manager of the Canadian Wheat Pool, who will speak on "The Function of a Central Selling Agency for Grain" and F. M. Harvey, Auditor for the Alberta Wheat Pool, who will speak on "Co-operative Accounting."

Consumer Co-ops. on Friday

The principal discussion on consumers' co-operatives, including an address by Peter Malcolm, director of the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale, will be held on Friday morning instead of Thursday afternoon as announced earlier. Accompanying Mr. Malcolm will be John Cairns, also a director of the Scottish Wholesale and A. W. Gedlghtly, a director of the Co-operative Wholesale Society of England, A. J. Hobley, wholesale buyer for this organization, and A. C. Weiland, its Montreal representative. Each of these men will have a message on the question of consumers' co-operatives.

The attention of those interested in the Dairy Pool section of the program is drawn to the fact that the main dairy discussion has been changed from Tuesday to Thursday. In other principal respects the program will be carried out, as far as practicable, as published some weeks ago, but is subject to possible changes.

Junior Section

One of the outstanding features of the Institute will be the special Junior section. A special fund has been set aside by the Trustees of the Alberta Wheat Board Surplus Moneys to bring in to the Institute approximately 100 young men and women from all sections of the Province who are interested in the development of co-operation.

The Junior Classes which will be held each morning during the week will be in charge of Prof. R. W. Murchie, of the Department of Economics, Manitoba Agricultural College, and W. M. Drummond, formerly of the staff of the University of Alberta.

Following the Institute, prizes will be awarded to the members of the Junior section writing the best essays on the lessons they have learned during their attendance at the lectures.

Correspondence

SOLUTION IS CO-OPERATION

Editor, *The U.F.A.*:

There is much being said these days by farmers and also the Department of Agriculture and representatives of the Dominion Livestock Branch re the Chester White invasion of Alberta, with much of which I heartily agree; but I wish to call attention of these Departments to the fact that only a few years ago they were engaged in a propaganda campaign which the farmers of this Province fell for, and many lost considerable money in stocking up with just as inferior Bacon Hogs, or more so, than they are today with this so-called lard hog.

I have no sympathy for the man who buys these Chester White hogs, nor can I understand why he does.

The fact remains that the Dominion Livestock Branch did not carry out its duty to the hog raiser and this is the reaction. It has been proven beyond a doubt that the producer did not receive bacon price for the bacon he really produced and the above Department is at fault for not carrying out its duty in instituting a proper grading system; namely, on the hook, which would give satisfactory grading to all concerned if properly trained men were employed. Therefore, I think, the average producer will take advice coming from this source with caution.

I wish to give my experience, which is similar to all others who undertook to produce bacon type hogs.

First, I studied literature and visited Calgary and Edmonton Yards; saw grading demonstrated, then purchased bacon type at high prices and got a high class product, not like some who claim they got racing stock without constitution. The result was my first crop brought 47 per cent bacon; second, off same foundation, 3 per cent; since that time, none. Still I am not buying Chester Whites.

The above is the experience of hundreds with whom I have discussed bacon hog production within the past five years.

The fault is with the producer. He has allowed himself to be hypnotized by propagandists who made him believe all he had to do was slop hogs and eat and sleep and he would wake up rich some day.

The solution lies in co-operation, not only in raising but in marketing of the bacon type hog, which is the best quality product and most suitable for our trade.

The Pool has instituted machinery for the handling of our own stock at cost, and if we sign up and mind our own business we will be placing our product, finished in our own plants, before the consumer in the very near future.

It is up to the farmer to take the initiative, mind his business, not leave it to some one else to make millions out of him yearly as he has done in the past.

Sincerely yours,

Hudley, Alta. L. McCOMB.

LATIN IN HIGH SCHOOLS

Editor, *The U.F.A.*:

From practical experience I would like to join Prof. S. Smart in his opinion re Latin, as expressed in his letter to *The U.F.A.*

My native language is German. I began to learn Latin in what would correspond to Grade Four in our Canadian Schools, French in Grade Six, and English in Grade Seven. In both languages, Latin was very helpful as a foundation and it has been more so since I came to this country, where I am in constant contact with people whose mother languages are English and French.

Yours truly,

J. F. von SCHMIDT

Eagle Hill, June 14th, 1928.

TO REPRESENT ALBERTA

Dr. C. F. Marker, Dairy Commissioner for Alberta, will represent the Province at the World's Dairy Congress, which opens in London, England, on June 25th.

HOSPITALS CONVENTION

A number of outstanding authorities on problems of public health will address the annual convention of the Alberta Hospitals Association, the Alberta Registered Nurses Association and the Alberta Public Health Officials Association, to be held in Calgary on June 25th and 26th.

DEATH OF Z. McILMOYLE

Z. McIlmoyle, for the past fifteen years Assistant Deputy Minister of Education, for Alberta, died at his home in Edmonton on June 3rd, after a two months' illness. Mr. McIlmoyle has been in charge of the administration of the Debt Adjustment Act for the past two years. High tributes to his efficiency both in this position and in the Department, and to his high sense of public duty, have been paid by George Hoadley, Minister of Agriculture, H. A. Craig, Deputy Minister, and many other citizens of Alberta who have been brought in contact with him during his career in the public service. His death will be greatly regretted throughout the Province.

Some Features of the Second Session of the Sixteenth Canadian Parliament

Independent Groups Oppose "Melon Cutting" Legislation —E.D. & B.C. Bill Passes the Commons—Immigration Problems—Veterans Pensions—Fine Spirit of Co-operation among U.F.A. Members.

By ROBERT GARDINER, M.P., U.F.A. Member for Acadia.

OTTAWA, June 6.—The Second Session of the Sixteenth Parliament is rapidly drawing to a close. Members feel that it is desirable to finish the business of the session with as little delay as possible. It has been the practice in the past to rush important legislation and estimates of expenditure through the House, without proper consideration, during the last week of the session. The result of this method was that a lot of legislation was passed that would have been better left alone or amended in such manner as to bring it more in line with present day requirements. There seems to be no desire on the part of any of the members to rush the business this year; but rather that sufficient time be taken to give thorough consideration to all the business, and that the improper haste as at the close of past sessions is to be avoided.

IMPROVED METHODS OF DOING BUSINESS

Amendments to the rules of the House, passed at the last session, have been in operation this year, and have improved considerably our methods of doing the business. There is still room for improvement and we are hoping that, with more experience under the new rules, we will eventually detect the weak spots and secure such further changes as are necessary to allow the business to proceed with greater dispatch while retaining the full right of discussion. The rules under which private legislation was introduced and passed through its various stages were amended last year. Prior to the amendment of these rules, one contentious bill would hold up all legislation of a similar nature indefinitely. Private bills are dealt with for one hour on Tuesday and Friday nights. Under the old rule, a private bill could be discussed in the committee of the whole House for the full hour and at the expiration of that time still retain its place at the head of the list. Under the new rule, if a private bill is still under discussion at the end of the hour it automatically goes to the bottom of the list and gives the other bills an opportunity of being dealt with.

OPPOSED MELON CUTTING LEGISLATION

There have been several contentious private bills this session, the object of which was to secure power of certain companies to increase their capital stock. Not one of the parties sponsoring these bills could give any indication of the need for more capital, and as the profits were exceedingly large, we felt justified in opposing them as it seemed to us that they were merely asking Parliament for the power to water their stock, or, in other words, to "cut a melon." The Alberta Provincial Government sought, through the medium of a private bill, the power to extend the E.D. & B.C. railway. Knowing that we were interested in the extension of this charter, persons sponsoring the bills referred to took the opportunity of blocking its passage, hoping that they could reach an understanding with us; that if they withdrew their opposition to the E.D. & B.C. charter extension, we would allow these contentious bills to pass also. This we refused to do, notwithstanding our knowledge of the need for these railway extensions.

When a bill reaches the committee stage, it is customary to discuss the bill, clause by clause, and also to move such amendments as members deem necessary. A new practice has been used this session that is quite within the rules: viz., that as soon as a contentious bill came before the committee of the whole, it was moved that the bill be reported. The motion to report the bill being agreed to by a majority vote, discussion, clause by clause, and the possibility of amendment was cut off. Tactics, such as I have outlined, will give some idea of the value promoters of this class of legislation place upon the securing of permission to increase their capital stock.

E.D. & B.C. BILL PASSES THE COMMONS

It looked at one time as if all private bills would be hung up until Parliament prorogued, but finally an agreement was reached whereby all non-contentious bills would be allowed to go through. This has been accomplished, and the E.D. & B.C. railway extension bill is now before the Senate for consideration. The contentious bills are still before the House, and it is just possible that they may come to a vote. If they pass the House those members who voted in favor of them must bear the responsibility. We did not feel justified in abandoning principles for expediency.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

The Parliamentary immigration inquiry report was tabled in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon. The document contains little of a drastic nature; but thirteen recommendations for the improvement of Canadian immigration activities are made.

Chief among the recommendations are:

1. An annual return to Parliament thirty days after the opening of each session showing all special immigration permits granted with particulars of the applicant and those who made favorable representations to the Department of Immigration in each instance.

2. Improvement in the overseas medical inspection system of prospective British immigrants by providing for medical examinations by British local doctors paid by and under the supervision and control of the Canadian medical authorities, located at convenient centres of population.

3. Extension by the Canadian Government of assistance to Canadian youth trained in agriculture equal to that given by the British Government to British emigrant boys.

4. Calling of a conference between Federal and British Governments and the Atlantic steamship companies with a view to a reduction in ocean rates to British immigrants to approximately ten pounds.

5. Extension of age limit for boy immigrants from 14 to 19 years, both inclusive.

6. Steps to increase employment. An intensive and comprehensive study by the Government of the possibilities of increasing industrial and agricultural development in Canada with the object of attracting capital and providing wider and increased opportunities for employment for Canadians and newcomers is suggested.

7. Continuance of movement of domestics from the United Kingdom to Canada.

8. Extension of assisted passage or privileges to families of immigrants from Great Britain and now reasonably established in Canada.

9. Measures to ascertain whether railway will restore the homeseekers' rates in effect prior to the war making such

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Parliament was prorogued on June 11th, a few days after Mr. Gardiner's article was written. Further articles by U.F.A. members of the House of Commons, dealing with features of the recent session, will be published during the summer months. The next will be in our issue of June 15th. The E.D. & B.C. bill is now law.

CHAIRMAN U.F.A. GROUP

ROBERT GARDINER, M.P.

THE NECESSITY FOR CO-OPERATION

An Address by E. W. Wood, at International Pool Conference, Regina, June 6th, 1928

I have been requested to prepare an address on "The Necessity for Co-operation." Speaking from the standpoint of human development and social construction, co-operation is nature's basic law, and its development is not only necessary, but vital to this social progress and human well-being. This law has even reached further back and lower down in its creation of the necessity of co-operation among the lower animals. It has made true Kipling's words—"The strength of the wolf is the pack, and the strength of the pack is the wolf."

It is true that nature also made operative the opposing law of competition, but this is a creative and temporary law, while co-operation is the saving and abiding one. It is generally recognized that through the operation of the law of competition, the strong have been able to overcome the weak and unfit that they might propagate their own strength and fitness. While the operation of this law may have been necessary in weeding out the weak and unfit in the creative period, it is primarily a law of destruction, and if carried to its ultimate development of efficiency will destroy, or at least threaten the destruction of the thing created. So we find the lower animals, among which competition played such an important part in promoting the survival of the fittest, were eventually forced to develop, to a comparatively high degree, the opposing and counterbalancing law of co-operation to preserve their species.

E. W. WOOD

Competitive Conflict

Just what part competition has played in the development of man, physically, intellectually or spiritually, would be hard to define. From time immemorial competitive conflict has been waged between individuals, families, tribes and nations, and in spite of the misery, woe and sorrow resulting therefrom, man has grown and developed—at least intellectually and spiritually. Perhaps in his original undeveloped condition, it was the only way to arouse him to the necessary action. The ways of nature in dealing with life and bringing order out of chaos are past our understanding, but it does not take a very keen mind to perceive that in social construction the operation of the law of competition is becoming more oppressive and more hopeless in the solution of developing social problems. Man was evidently designed a social being, and his manifest destiny is to develop a social system. To fulfill nature's destiny man must conform to nature's law. This makes social construction a scientific process. I think it is self-evident that co-operation is the true law of social construction. But all through the history of human progress competition has been the prevailing law governing man's action in dealing with his fellow man, and still is; and has become more destructive just in proportion as man has developed in carrying it on.

The most spectacular manifestation of this false social law is in the military field. The last war, called the Great War, was infinitely the most destructive in the world's history because human efficiency was greater than ever before. This efficiency is developing still more rapidly since the war and the world is becoming appalled at the future prospect but does not seem to know how to deal with the situation. A vast number of people seem to think war can be stopped and eliminated by propaganda and agreements. The idea of searching out and eliminating primary causes does not seem to appeal to them. These causes are located in the industrial and not the military field. While war is the most spectacular manifestation of competition, it is almost entirely the result of competition in industry. The original seed is planted and cultivated in industry, and war is the fruition.

Hope in Co-operation

Let us put it in another way; all competition is warfare; this warfare is raging in the industrial field and is becoming more and more efficient and more destructive. Individual is in competition with individual, and class with class. Jealousies and hatreds are engendered, and the spirit of strife developed. The spoils to the successful are undue riches, while to the defeated comes undue and unnecessary poverty. Nations are drawn into the conflict and war follows as a grand climax to industrial competition. A close analysis of present world conditions would prove to any open-minded student of sociology the hopelessness of developing harmony and peace in our social structure under the guidance of competition. If this be true, the hope of the future depends on the overthrow of competition and the substitution of co-operation. This is the all embracing reason for the "necessity for co-operation," but it leaves the details and specific reasons to be worked out as the process of social change develops.

In industrial competition the masses have never been successful and can never hope to be. They are, and always will be, the prey of industrial competition. Their only hope is in overcoming competition by establishing co-operation. This involves a process of development and must be begun at the beginning and carried forward systematically. All of the people cannot be brought together in one great co-operative unit and at once break down and overthrow competition. They must be brought together at first in smaller units, each centering around a very special interest. As these units are developed, they in turn will learn to co-operate with each other on the basis of a more general common interest, until all industrial elements are working together systematically on a co-operative basis.

Already a very great deal of effort has been put forth to inaugurate co-operation among the people, but it has been found very difficult to get practicable co-operative enterprises started and carried on in a practical way. Many people very zealously preach the gospel of theoretical co-operation but are unable to make the practical application. Many of them seem unable to differentiate between starting at the top and at the bottom. But when a practical start is made, it is difficult for many of those who have expressed absolute confidence in co-operation to maintain their interest in the more or less slow process of carrying on the enterprise. It seems to be hard for many to understand that co-operative results cannot come without sustained effort. They seem to think that co-operation is designed to reduce or eliminate effort instead of to change the result of effort. Not getting immediate spectacular results, they cannot realize that they are getting any results, and soon become discouraged. The only immediate normal result that we can reasonably hope for is a slow, almost imperceptible, improvement of conditions.

More Co-operation Needed

The rapidity of the progress of a practically conducted co-operative enterprise depends entirely on the amount of practical co-operation behind it. A few people may be able to keep such an enterprise alive and get some results, while more people would achieve greater results. In our Canadian Wheat Pool we have over half the wheat growers bound together in a co-operative pledge to each other. In the last five years the results have been very manifest and very great, but not nearly what they might have been. The reason they have not been greater is that there has not been greater co-operation. Some of our own members have not been true to their pledge, either in spirit or practice. They have criticized where criticism was not due, and have also sold their wheat in violation of their contract. Just to the extent that they have withheld their faithful and sincere co-operation they have retarded progress and decreased results.

There are other growers, representing a large minority of the Canadian wheat, who have withheld their co-operation and support entirely. Many of them recognize the service the Pool has rendered in forcing prices to a higher and more equitable level, but they think they can do as well, or even sometimes better, by selling as individuals. The vision of these is confined within a very narrow

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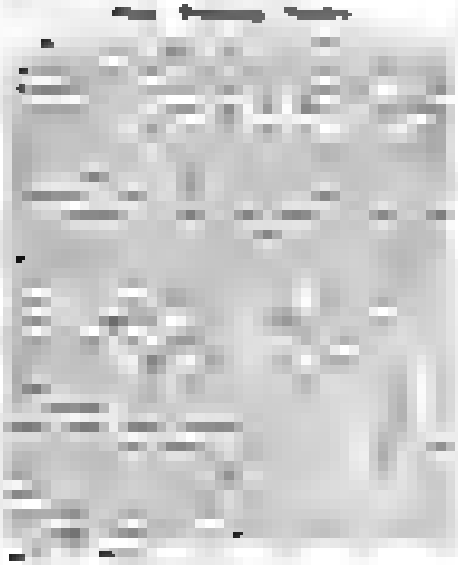

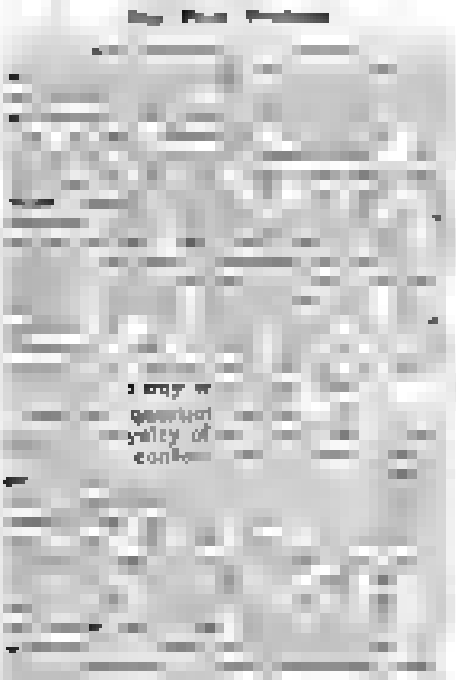

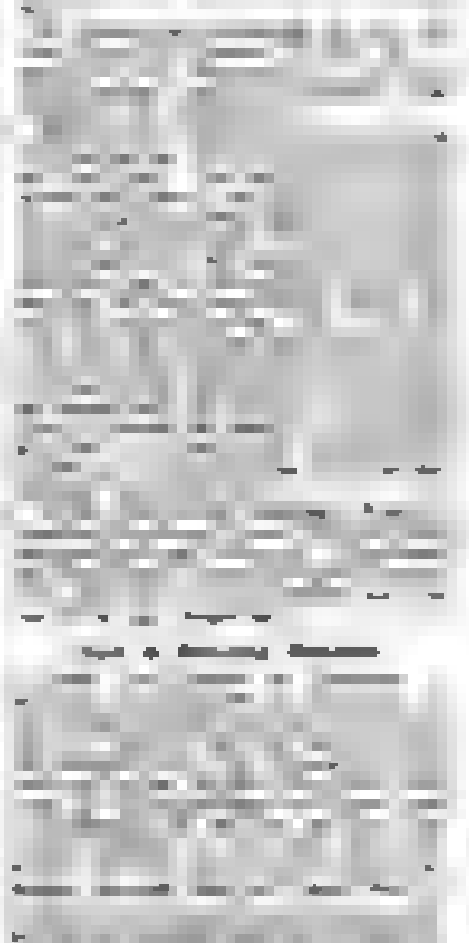

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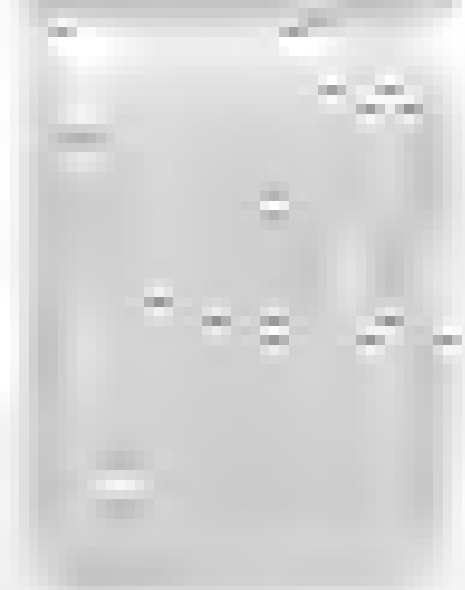

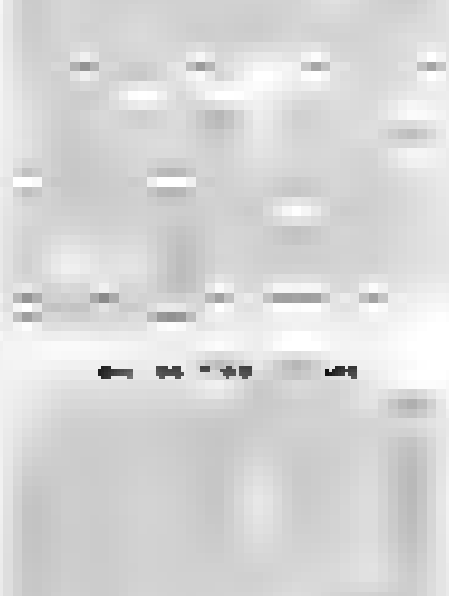

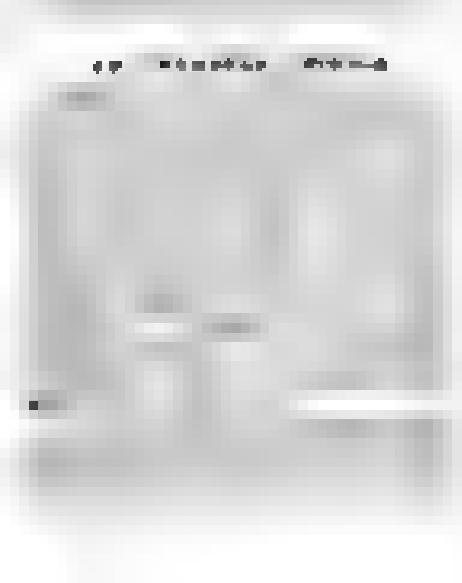

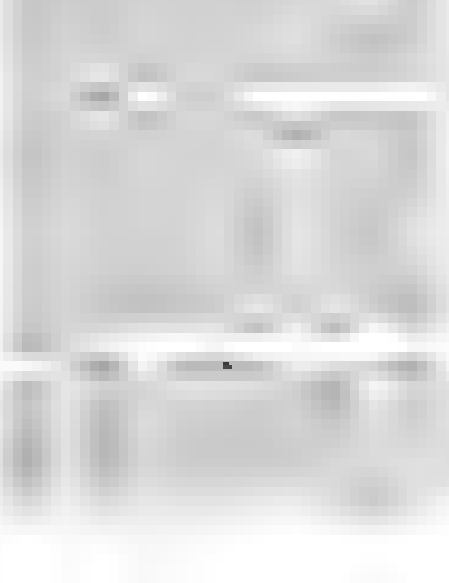

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News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office

Information for Members and Locals issued by the Department of Education and Publicity of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

Summarized Results of Wheat Pool Delegates' Special Meeting

[illegible] Special Meeting held in Calgary on [illegible]

Policy of Directors of Elevator Division. [illegible] elevators for the year [illegible]

Storage Allowance For Wheat Held on Farm.—The [illegible]

Bye By Second Series Contracts. [illegible]

Pooling Commission to Other Pools Authorized Contracts. [illegible]

Bye-off in Receipt of Contracts. [illegible]

Counter Offers Pool. [illegible]

Report of Inter-Provincial Grading Committee. [illegible] report is given elsewhere in this issue. It was read by Mr. Kenney at the meeting of the delegates.

Bank Account Interest Payment. [illegible] to be made [illegible]

Weighing Storage on Inspect. [illegible]

Charges for Elevator Bins. [illegible] the passage of grain through Pool [illegible]

Distributing of Cars. [illegible]

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International Wheat Pool. [illegible] Pool meeting in Regina to do everything in their power to establish an International Wheat Pool.

Delegates Make Important Decisions in Regard to Operations of Alberta Wheat Pool

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Grading Committee's Report

Bankers Approve of Deferred Payments

Commission on U. S. Power

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News & Views

The Truth of Co-operation

planned to my public utterances during these earlier days. But mere words are of little avail. So I set to work to reveal the circumstances of a certain group of villages from within. From the effort I learnt one lesson. At the root of man's suffering, there is always a lie, relation of some truth. The fundamental truth is Man's innate sense of the righteous harmony, which alone can establish real and deep relations. When that truth is distorted, the goods of his villages dry up, his fields become unproductive, he succumbs to disease. The poverty of the isolated life, sundering man from his neighbours, is fatal. From that interest poverty he extend here can save him. For instance, a fire breaks out and consumes the whole village. This is he outside aspect. The real truth is that there has been no firmness of cohesion in the villagers themselves so as to prevent the fire. Through the gaps of discord the fire spreads and no united effort is made to put it out.

Human civilization has reached different stages of progress by its rediscovery of the old simple truth in wider and wider aspects. To take one example, with man's mastery of agriculture, the food of the many had to be produced and distributed by multiple combined efforts. This made living more closely together in more feasible. These combined tasks are great steps forward. For he wheat of the many is the truth of humanity. In his union lies the true advance of human civilization. To the realm of science it has come a current trend to hold the doctrine of special creation. Man's conception of life was then fragmentary. When Darwin discovered the law of organic evolution, that one ray of truth illuminated the path forward towards a new conception of unity along the whole line of creation.

Through the realization of these new unitary laws man was able to attain a prodigious success in human history. There has also been the co-operation of all the constituents of the world in adding to the totality of knowledge.

But on other sides, in politics and economics, Europe has continually ignored hitherto the truth of union. She has not ceased pouring libations of human blood on the sacrificial fire of destruction in the throes of that awful rebellion against Truth, the world has lost all peace.

Man has not yet accepted the truth of co-operation, either economically or politically. The production of wealth, with its distribution and enjoyment, has been regarded as a private and personal matter. Mankind has been unwilling to curb his greed and self-indulgence. His sense of moral responsibility has become weak. But harmony, as we have seen, is the basis of human society. Wherever this harmony is destroyed, perilous barrens violent disorder prevails, the few devour the substance of the many, making use it for their own self-aggrandisement.

The perpetual growth of city life, in our modern age, is closely related to this poverty. A metropolis gathers together money-making power and starts its big business, to which the isolated unity of humanity must pay tribute. The only remedy lies in the voluntary union of the disjointed units of humanity, in order to meet this aggression.

In the prehistoric age, huge primitive animals gathered in their bodies immense bulk and power. But man did not establish his superiority by becoming a bigger monster. Man came to this world, weak and small, and was able to

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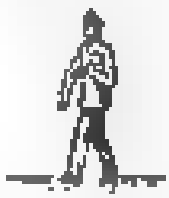

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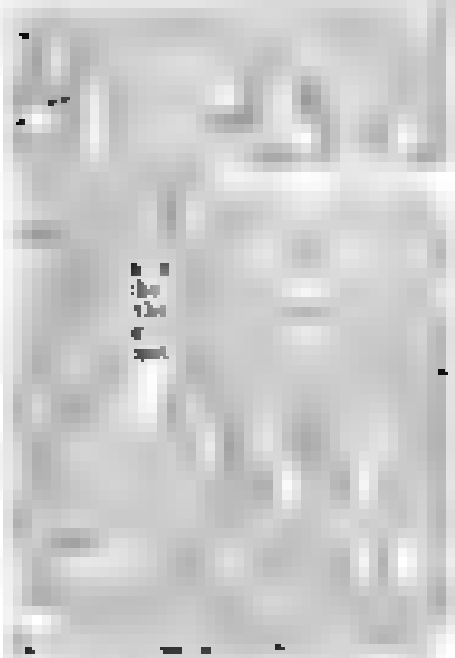

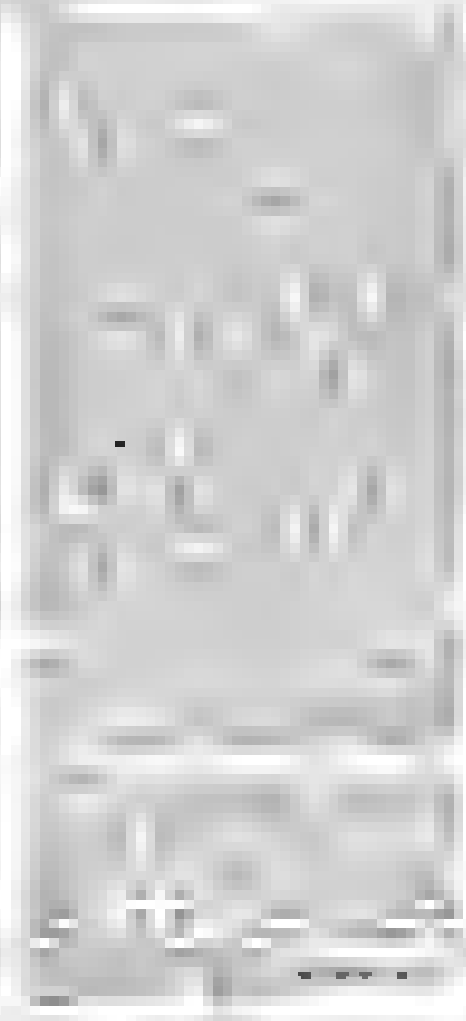

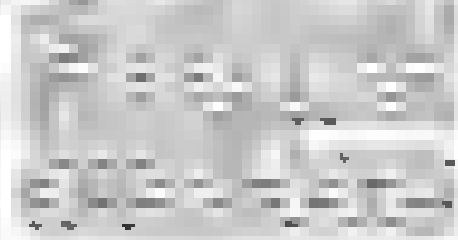

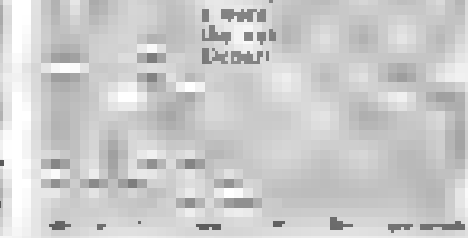

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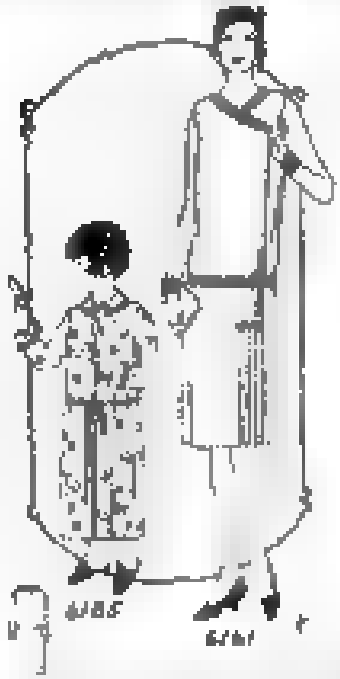

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By ADDIE CORNELIA

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Rhubarb Conserve. 6 pounds rhubarb wiped clean and cut into small pieces, 3 pound seedless raisins, juice and grated rind one orange, 3 pounds sugar. Drip all together and let stand. Boil very gently while cook about one hour.

Sardines and Macaroni. To each oz. of sardines add 1 cup cooked macaroni. Chop all fine, fry in a tablespoonful of salad oil, made very hot in a frying pan. Season with cayenne pepper and a little parsley.

Jackdaw Sandwiches. Beat until very light 4 eggs and 4 tablespoons sugar. Mix in lightly 6 tablespoons flour, flour and 1 teaspoon baking powder. Bake quickly in muffin tins when cooled split, spread with jam, or marmalade. Join edges and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Very delicious but should be served immediately.

On Dominating Children

By ALEXANDER MEIKLEJOHN
President of University of Wisconsin

Man is by nature an intellectual animal. He longs to get into the affairs of others.

The traveler displays misinformation and arguments to his fellow passengers in the smoking compartment of the Pullman. In operation of his particular type of razor and his pet brand of shaving cream.

The powerful nation, under cover of Mother Goose's plausible excuse for entering the battle, protects the objects it have valuable resources, invading exploiting.

The curious rushes into the house of the sick, not so much as the courtesy of a knock on the door and proceeds to inspect the patient and tell a story of the proud but powerless child.

Propagandizing Our Preferences

Those in authority, though happily do not, if doubt, have recourse to the stage to make public statements, but nor private wishes to repress or repulses on the part of the many, so prepare to use our influences.

The practice of volunteers do work up in his wisdom with which we indulge this impulse to shape or whether the subject of our interest is a backward country of undeveloped material resources or a backward child with undeveloped spiritual resources.

We are making some headway toward curbing our impulse to interfere physically into the lives of our children, we still have about a little far to go before the customs in other generations.

We will have to learn the irretrievable damage we do by a too-ready interference in little ways and especially into the lives of our children.

"What is a child?" asks Bernard Shaw. He hastens to answer. An experiment. A rash attempt to make his mamma happy during. And one will find an experiment if you make a slightest attempt to shape it into your figure of your own.

Francis Place tells us that his father always drank his children with an found an action beyond. Francis records he hate without injuring the young person, a hank his share but his father respected the inside of an hour while flung the outside of it.

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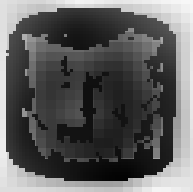

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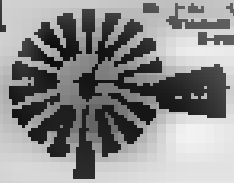

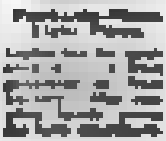

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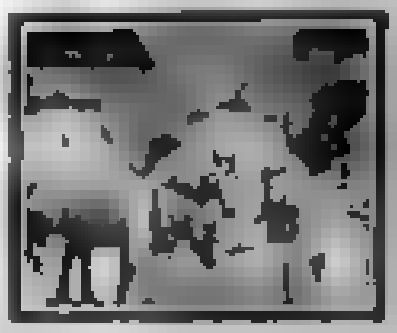

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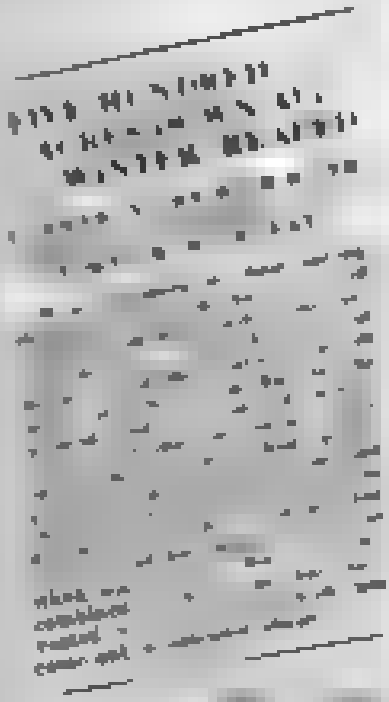

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A "U.F.A." Convention in the Argentine

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noon. The convention reassembled at two, and worked until half past seven or eight o'clock, when adjournment for the day took place. Each session was broken midway by a ten minutes period for relaxation. On the whole it was a pretty steady grind from Sunday morning until Friday night with an afternoon off on Tuesday for a fiesta campesina or picnic, which took the form of an excursion up the River Parana, with a lunch on one of the islands.

The meal consisting of various Argentine and Italian dishes, washed down with the Federacion's own brand of wine, "Felicitas", was a bountiful one; but I have not yet been able to decide who came off the best, the human picnickers or the hungry hordes of mosquitos who were waiting on the island and certainly had the feast of their wicked lives.

Rules Rigidly Adhered to

In the convention rules of order were most rigidly adhered to, and the courtesies of debate carefully observed. In the Federacion, after the fashion of some of the European workers' organizations, members are Companeros or Comrades, and must address each other as such. Our "Mr. Chairman" becomes "Companero Presidente."

A delegate desiring to speak must formally request permission: "Companero Presidente, quiero la palabra," and the chairman announces "Companero Bonvenuto tiene la palabra." When a number of speakers wish to address the meeting, a list is carefully kept and the delegates are called upon in exact order of their application. It is quite common for a delegate to rise to demand the floor during the course of another's address, so as to get his name listed.

Eloquence is a natural gift of the Latin race, and the average Latin loves to talk. Nevertheless, there was evident a desire to economize time by avoiding repetition, and it quite frequently happened that a member, when his turn to speak arrived, would say that Comrade So-and-So had covered his point, and relinquish the floor.

No one was permitted to speak a second time on a topic unless to offer an "aclaracion" or explanation.

Our traditional chairman's gavel was not in evidence. In its place a little desk bell was used to call for order. If its tiny tinkling proved ineffectual, a push button on the table set in action a large bell like a fire alarm. And if the worst came to the worst, the President proved quite capable of shouting down all opposition. For the most part, however, the little toy bell performed nobly.

There were no formal addresses from invited guests, though their assistance in solving the problems under discussion was expected and welcomed. But rigid adherence to the subject was looked for.

Received Warm Welcome

As a representative of the organized farmers of Canada I was given a very cordial reception when presented to the convention by the President and invited to take part in the discussion on "Grain Elevators and Bulk Handling". Many of the delegates wanted to know something of co-operative marketing and organization apart from the more physical handling of the grain, but this was ruled out of order and the discussion kept strictly within the limits set in the agenda.

This was a special convention called to deal with certain specific subjects and strict adherence to the program was (no doubt rightly) insisted upon. Otherwise the three days' convention, already stretched to five, would have been further prolonged.

Throughout the proceedings the keen interest was apparent on the part of the delegates, and one got a very high impression of the earnestness and sincerity of these representatives of Rural Argentina.

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"In spite of all that has been gained by the triumphant progress of Science, so many other things have been lost that the period which marks the greatest scientific development also marks as a of disaster and suffering and bloodshed absolutely unparalleled in the annals of history. Of course I am not such a fool as to deny the possibility, the chance that some day Science will actually contribute to the coming of the long-expected Millenium of sweet reasonableness, sufficient food, mutual forbearance and creative leisure. (But) . . . scientific development without an equal and adequate development of man's conscious will towards decency is merely a costly and futile waste of time."—*Hendrik Willem van Loon.*

EDITORIAL

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SALES COSTS AND PRICES

One of the common fallacies prevalent in the business world of today is exposed in *Harper's Magazine* by a writer who has the reputation of being an expert on business problems. The fallacy is a plausible one. It is that mass production necessarily means lower prices—that what commodities are turned out in the mills the consumers in the nature of things will benefit. This in general is true if a market for an output for the commodities of mass production can be obtained without an excessive expenditure upon sales promotion. But the tendency today in many industries is for sales costs to exceed the costs of manufacture.

To quote J. F. Lincoln, of the Lincoln Electric Company of Cleveland:

> **"The tendency of sales costs to go up fully as rapidly as manufacturing costs have gone down, has been the history of the past ten years. The rate at which sales costs have gone up is stupefying when shown in percentages, in many products 35 cents being the only part of his dollar which has anything to do with manufacturing cost, the only part of the dollar which the manufacturer ever sees."**

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